

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Canceled)**

2. (Currently Amended) An optical component fixing method using an adhesive to fix the optical component and a support on which the optical component is to be fixed at a prescribed location, the method comprising:

a step of forming a notch in the support;

a step of scoring a surface of the support ~~perpendicularly to~~ so as to form kerfs communicating with the notch;

a step of bringing the optical component into direct contact with the scored surface of the support; and

a step of flowing a fluid adhesive along kerfs produced by the scoring,

wherein the scoring kerfs are formed at a pitch of 3  $\mu\text{m}$  - 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

3. (Currently Amended) An optical component fixing method using an adhesive to fix the optical component and a support on which the optical component is to be fixed at a prescribed location, the method comprising:

a step of forming a notch in the support;

a step of scoring a surface of the support ~~perpendicularly to~~ so as to form kerfs communicating with the notch;

a step of bringing the optical component into direct contact with the scored surface of the support; and

a step of flowing a fluid adhesive along kerfs produced by the scoring,

wherein the scoring kerfs are formed to a depth of 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  - 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

4. (Currently Amended) An optical component fixing method using an adhesive to fix the optical component and a support on which the optical component is to be fixed at a prescribed location, the method comprising:

a step of forming a notch in the support;  
a step of scoring a surface of the support ~~perpendicularly to~~ so as to form kerfs communicating with the notch;  
a step of bringing the optical component into direct contact with the scored surface of the support; and  
a step of flowing a fluid adhesive along kerfs produced by the scoring, wherein an attachment surface of the support has a flatness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

5. (Previously Presented) An optical component fixing method according to any one of claims 2 to 4, wherein the step of bringing the optical component into direct contact with the scored surface of the support further comprises bringing a solid state laser apparatus component into direct contact with the scored surface.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An optical component support to which an optical component is to be fixed with an adhesive for fixing an optical component, the support comprising a surface provided with a notch and scoring kerfs communicating with the notch for fixing the optical component,

wherein the scoring kerfs are formed ~~perpendicularly to the notch and~~ at a pitch of 3  $\mu\text{m}$  - 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

8. (Currently Amended) An optical component support to which an optical component is to be fixed with an adhesive for fixing an optical component, the support comprising a surface provided with a notch and scoring kerfs communicating with the notch for fixing the optical component,

wherein the scoring kerfs are formed ~~perpendicularly to the notch and~~ to a depth of 0.1  $\mu\text{m}$  - 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

9. (Currently Amended) An optical component support to which an optical component is to be fixed with an adhesive ~~for fixing an optical component~~, the support comprising a surface provided with a notch and scoring kerfs communicating with the notch ~~for fixing the optical component~~,

wherein an attachment surface of the support has a flatness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

**10. - 15. (Canceled)**

16. (Currently Amended) An optical component fixing method using an adhesive to fix the optical component and a support on which the optical component is to be fixed at a prescribed location, the method comprising:

a step of forming a notch in the support;

a step of scoring a surface of the support perpendicularly to so as to form kerfs communicating with the notch;

a step of bringing the optical component into direct contact with the scored surface of the support; and

a step of flowing a fluid adhesive along kerfs produced by the scoring,

wherein the scoring kerfs are formed at a pitch of 3  $\mu\text{m}$  - 300  $\mu\text{m}$ , and

wherein an attachment surface of the support has a flatness of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

17. (Currently Amended) An optical component fixing method using an adhesive to fix the optical component and a support on which the optical component is to be fixed at a prescribed location, the method comprising:

a step of forming a notch in the support;

a step of scoring a surface of the support perpendicularly to so as to form kerfs communicating with the notch;

a step of bringing the optical component into direct contact with the scored surface of the support; and

a step of flowing a fluid adhesive along kerfs produced by the scoring,

wherein the scoring kerfs are formed to a depth of  $0.1 \mu\text{m} - 1 \mu\text{m}$ , and  
wherein an attachment surface of the support has a flatness of  $1 \mu\text{m}$  or less.